



INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS ON THE METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSOR CONTROL ACT

Meth is considered the fastest-growing drug threat in the United States and perhaps the most destructive illicit drug ever encountered. It is easy and inexpensive to make with commonly found materials, highly addictive, and devastating to both users and communities across Illinois. A new law has been passed to stop criminals from making methamphetamine by restricting access to the drug's key ingredient: ephedrine or pseudoephedrine (PSE).

Illinois law restricts the sale of products containing ephedrine or PSE in these ways:



- **Storage of products.** All products containing ephedrine or PSE, except for convenience packages, must be kept behind pharmacy counters. Convenience packages may be stored away from pharmacies but must be kept behind store counters or in locked cases. Convenience packages contain 360 milligrams or less of PSE or ephedrine in liquid or liquid-filled capsule form.
- **Identification and log requirements.** A consumer wishing to buy products containing ephedrine or PSE must show a government-issued photo ID and sign a log. This information will be kept confidential but must be shown to law enforcement upon request.
- **Purchase limits.** A consumer may buy no more than two packages of products containing ephedrine or PSE in a single transaction. A consumer may buy no more than 7500 milligrams of ephedrine or PSE in a 30-day period.
- **No sales to minors.** A consumer must be 18 years of age or older to buy any product containing ephedrine or PSE.
- **Prescriptions.** Consumers with a valid prescription for ephedrine or PSE are not bound by the restrictions of this law.

This new law will reduce the number of meth-related crimes in Illinois.

States with similar strict controls on cold and sinus products have seen dramatic declines in the number of dangerous meth labs. Every state bordering Illinois, including Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, and Wisconsin, has similar laws. For more information, please visit www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/methnet.

Reducing the number of meth crimes in Illinois improves safety for all of us.